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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- 1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/13/04.
- 2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
- 3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 October 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
- 4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 - 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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- 5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 - 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
- 7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>DRAWING Fig. 1</u> |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Aaron Waxler on 01/28/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 2, line 3, "the" has been replaced by --each--; line 8, after a, --corresponding-- has been inserted.

Claim 3, line 2, "wherein" has been replaced by --further comprising--; line 3, "the" has been replaced by --said respective--; line 3, after said, --corresponding-- has been inserted.

Claim 4, line 4, "sum" has been replaced by --sums--.

Claim 6 has been amended as follow:

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A receiver as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the weighting means comprises comparing means for comparing [the derived] each absolute [values] value with a plurality of threshold values and mean for selecting a weighting value based on the result of the comparison outputs by said comparing means, and in that multiplying means are provided for forming each weighted absolute value as a product of a respective absolute value and [its associated] a corresponding selected weighting value.

Claim 7, line 2, "wherein" has been replaced by --further comprising--.

Claim 9 has been canceled.

Drawing

2. The following changes to the drawings have been made by the examiner:

Fig. 1 of the drawing, filed on 10/13/04, has been amended to include label "Replacement sheet" so as to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: a method and apparatus for signal detection are disclosed. The closest prior art Koga et al, US patent No. 6,577,686 discloses similar method and apparatus. However, Koga et al does not teach or fairly suggest the limitations of deriving an absolute value for each successive running sum, weighting each absolute value and determining the presence of data by comparing each weighted absolute value with a threshold level", in combination, with the other claimed limitations, are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Koga et al.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B Corrielus whose telephone number is 571-272-3020. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxi-Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-3086. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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